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**Bio-insecticide effect, Antibacterial activity of *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Origanum vulgare* essential oils from Algeria**

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## **Abstract**

The essential oils of *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Origanum vulgare* from the Ain Bouyahia and Amra regions, focusing on extraction yields, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and bio-insecticide activities. The essential oil from Ain Bouyahia region showed the best extraction yield at 1.88% for *Origanum vulgare*, while the essential oil from *Rosmarinus officinalis* showed a yield of 0.13%. Using the DPPH method, neither essential oil showed significant antioxidant activity. However, the IC<sub>50</sub> values were 36, 57 μg/ml for *O. vulgare* (Amra region) and 33, 68 μg/ml for *R. officinalis*, approaching the IC<sub>50</sub> of ascorbic acid (30, 68 μg/ml). In the denaturation of ovalbumin assay *O. vulgare* from Amra demonstrated slightly better efficacy (74.29% inhibition at 400 μg/ml) compared to Ain Bouyahia (73, 06%). *R. officinalis* from Amra also showed higher inhibition rates 74.64% at 400 μg/ml compared to Ain Bouyahia 73, 23%.

The antibiogram method revealed notable antibacterial efficacy against *Aspergillus niger* and *Candida albicans*, particularly in the Amra region .Notable inhibition zones included  $67 \pm 0.3$  mm and  $65 \pm 0.38$  mm against *C. albicans* for oregano and rosemary oils from Amra, respectively. The oils also showed activity against Gram-positive bacteria such as *Bacillus cereus*  $30 \pm 0.4$  mm and *Staphylococcus aureus*  $62 \pm 0.35$  mm, and varied efficacy against Gram-negative bacteria, with inhibition zones up to  $65 \pm 0.38$  mm against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and  $43 \pm 0.40$  mm against *Salmonella typhi* .

The result of bio-insecticide activity, *Origanum vulgare* oil from Ain Bouyahia and *Rosmarinus officinalis* oil from Amra were selected. All doses of essential oils showed efficacy against the insect *T. Castaneum* especially rosemary.

The essential oils from both regions demonstrated significant biological activities, with variations in efficacy depending on the region and the type of oil. These findings highlight the potential of rosemary and oregano essential oils as natural antioxidants, anti-inflammatory agents, antibacterials, and bio-insecticides.

**Keywords:** Bio-insecticides, *Origanum vulgare*, *Rosmarinus officinalis*, Antibacterial activity.